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Vince Bertram is president and chief executive officer of Project Lead The Way (PLTW). Since joining the organization in June 2011, PLTW has grown to serve more than 10,500 schools across the U.S., trained thousands of teachers, and received numerous national recognitions and awards. In 2014, the U.S. Department of State appointed Bertram by to serve as the education expert for its United States Speaker and Specialist Program. Indiana Governor Mike Pence appointed Bertram to serve on the Indiana State Board of Education and ensuing Governor Eric Holcomb reappointed Bertram to the position. Bertram serves on the Olin College of Engineering President's Council, Bertram has testified before the U.S. House of Representatives, is a frequent contributor to national publications, and is a New York Times bestselling author with his books *Dream Differently: Candid Advice for America's Students* and *One Nation Under-Taught: Solving America's Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math Crisis*.

Prior to joining PLTW, Bertram spent 20 years in education as a teacher, principal, and superintendent of Indiana's third largest urban school district.

Bertram holds Ed.D, M.S., Ed.S, and B.S. degrees from Ball State University, a master's degree in education policy and management from Harvard University, and MBA degrees from Georgetown University and ESADE Business School. He also earned an executive certificate in strategy and innovation from the MIT Sloan School of Management and is an alumnus of the Chicago Management Institute at the University of Chicago's Booth School of Business. In 2018, he received the National Instruments Innovations in STEM Award, which celebrates an individual who is dedicated to equipping students for successful careers. Bertram received an honorary doctorate in engineering from the Milwaukee School of Engineering, was named a "Distinguished Hoosier" by Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels, received the "Intellectual Contributions and Faculty Tribute" award for his contributions to the intellectual life at the Harvard Graduate School of Education, and received the "Distinguished Alumni Award" from Ball State University.